

Weekender

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Board brings back popular 'Night at the Museum'

The Ashburnham Westminster Foundation for Academic Excellence is pleased to announce the return of "A Night at the Museum" on Nov. 18 at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg.

Because of the overwhelming success of last year's museum event, the foundation's board of directors has decided to make this an annual event.

In addition to exploring the museum's diverse collection, artwork from students in kinder-

garten through grade 12 will also be on display. More information is available on the Foundation's website, www.ashwestfoundation.org, or by contacting any board member. A listing of board members may be found on the website.

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased online through the foundation's website at www.ashwestfoundation.org or at any of the district's school offices. For tickets by return mail, send your request and check made out to

AWFAE to AWFAE, c/o 7 Bacon St., Westminster, MA 01473.

"A Night at the Museum" will feature live entertainment by the Wil Darcangelo Band, hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting by Wyman's Liquors, beer tasting by Wachusett Brewing Co., and museum tours. "This is a fun and casual night out and provides a great opportunity to visit the Fitchburg Art Museum, something people might not otherwise do," said foundation board member Beth D'Onfro.

A popular component of last year's event, the silent auction, will surely be a draw again this year with prizes ranging from sports tickets, use of a vacation home, locally designed and created artwork and jewelry, interior design and home organization services, and so much more.

"A Night at the Museum" is a great way to get an early start on your holiday shopping, and for a good cause.

Residents of the two towns and

alumni of Oakmont Regional High School will soon receive a mailing containing information about the foundation's mission, its annual appeal and the museum event. If you're on Facebook, become a fan of Ashburnham Westminster Foundation for Academic Excellence to find out more. If you have specific questions about the event or to donate Silent Auction items, contact any board member or send an e-mail to info@ashwestfoundation.org.

Melodrama to benefit Shirley Meeting House

SHIRLEY — What is drama? Is it building a 40- by 50-foot meeting house in 1772 with volunteer labor and materials? Is drama completing the task within a year for the Thanksgiving service of 1773?

Is drama the townwide effort to raise funds in the late 1970s, after 200 years, to save the steeple?

Is drama watching Melvin Longley use his artistic talents to lovingly restore the inside of the Meeting House in the 1980s?

Yes, that was all dramatic, but now the new drama is melodrama.

On Friday, Oct. 29, there will be an outstanding dinner-theater at the Bull Run. This event is a fundraiser to benefit the Meeting House, the centerpiece

of historic Shirley Common.

The evening's entertainment is a two-bit melodrama written by Mary Guercio and presented by The Hysterical Historical Magnificent Bull Run Art Players.

The event is a kick-off to a capital campaign to restore this Meeting House for future generations.

The cost of dinner and the show is \$40 per person, with half the proceeds directly benefiting the building. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7, and the melodrama at 8:30 p.m. Plus raffles, door prizes and more.

To purchase tickets, phone Patty MacDonald at 978-425-4779 or contact the Bull Run directly by e-mailing Bryan-Sawyer@bullrunrestaurant.com or calling 978-425-4311.

Classic cars roll out in Townsend



From left, Dick Waroula, of Lunenburg, shows off his '64 Chevy Impala, while Micheala Loseman, 15, and Steven Roberts, 19, both of Orange, look on. Sunday's car rally at the Townsend Ridge Country Club raised funds for local nonprofit, Eating, Heating & Health.



Jerry Flavell, left, and Eric Aaltonen, both of Townsend, arrive at the car rally at the Townsend Country Club in style. At right, Neil Colicchio, of North Andover, carefully decides which car will win his vote.



Coat drive begins today

GARDNER — GFA Federal Credit Union will celebrate International Credit Union Day today by launching its annual Cans and Coats drive.

In continuing GFA's People Helping People program, the credit union will be officially kicking off its Cans and Coats drive on International Credit Union Day. Visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and/or usable winter coats to their local GFA branch. The food and coats will be donated to local service organizations in each branch's community to be distributed to those in need.

People Helping People was launched by the credit union this past spring with employ-

ees performing a wide variety of deeds, including carrying groceries for an older shopper, buying people lunch and picking up the cost of movie tickets for a family. Recipients were given cards explaining the program and asking them to pay the good deed forward.

International Credit Union Day is an annual event set aside to commemorate the credit union movement's history and achievements. In honor of this special day, GFA invites its members and the whole community to visit its branches to enjoy refreshments and learn more about the GFA difference.

Visit gfa.com for information.

Red Sox tickets up for grabs in auction